

NEW INFORMATION

Senate Bill 5358 Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists was signed into law by Governor Christine Gregoire on April 13, 2005.

This bill corrects an oversight of previous legislation that required “direct” supervision for speech-language pathologist and audiologist interim permit holders. The word “direct” has been removed throughout RCW 18.35, and the definition of “direct supervision” has also been removed.

Language was added to RCW 18.35 regarding the license exemption for audiologists and speech-language pathologists that states, “a person certified by the state board of education as an educational staff associate who practices outside the school setting must be licensed as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist.”

These changes are effective July 24, 2005.

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